

**MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION****SUBJECT: CIO Letter 97-4, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Telecommunications Policy**

This letter endorses established Department of Defense (DoD) and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Telecommunications policy. This policy applies to all DLA activities engaged in the provision of base-level and long-haul telecommunications services.

a. DLA fully supports the DoD policy guidance and has made a commitment to provide the most effective, efficient, and economical telecommunications services in support of the Agency telecommunications mission. CAN is responsible for promulgating DoD telecommunications policy throughout the Agency.

b. Specifically, DLA must comply with the DoD telecommunications policy promulgated by DoDD 4640.13 and DoDI 4640.14. Further, DLA must comply with the identified modifications to current telecommunications policy as addressed in the May 5, 1997 ASD (C3I) memorandum.

c. The ASD (C3I) memorandum clarified the DoD publication in two areas. First, base-level telecommunications is defined as that which is within the confines of a post, camp, station, base, installation, headquarters, or Federal building, and includes local interconnect trunks to the first serving central office providing service to the local community. Second, any telecommunications beyond the first serving central office is considered to be long-haul telecommunications service that must be provided by DISA, unless an appropriate waiver is granted. This office will review and forward to DISA all DLA Field Activity Requests for Waiver that seek to secure long-haul telecommunications services when they are deemed a more effective, efficient and economical solution than the current DISA long-haul offerings.

d. Representatives of the Agency's Business Offices, Comptroller and CAN will participate in the Agency Telecommunications Working Group (WG). Chapter III of the DLA Telecommunications Management Manual, DLAM 4605.6 of May 6, 1992 identifies this WG as the Information Systems and Technology WG. This WG will ensure that all base-level and long-haul telecommunications services of this Agency are administered, managed, acquired and operated in accordance with the identified DoD telecommunications policy.

e. Representatives of CANI will coordinate with representatives of DISA to ensure that the DISN CONUS service contracts offer the most cost-effective services including the most technologically advanced ones, such as frame relay, Asynchronous Transfer Mode and Metropolitan Area Network services. CANI will work with DISA to ensure the DISN CONUS Service Contracts capitalize on emerging technologies and innovative solutions to meet the future needs of our Agency.

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